

Front Street PROJECT UPDATE

City of Wilmington North Carolina

Front Street Improvement Project

- Front Street Improvement Project (Pub Svcs/Eng Div) – The contractor has completed the 6th week of Stage 1 of the project (Market Street intersection to Princess St), which is scheduled to last 4 months to reach substantial completion up thru the 000 block. TA Loving continues to make good progress on the underground utility work, while effectively managing traffic and pedestrian issues in the Market Street intersection. Currently they are providing an average of 90 hours of crew time each week. As the project progresses, the City is working with the contractor to stay on schedule and meet key milestones as well as pursuing opportunities to increase efficiency and productivity.
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- **This week** the contractor completed finish work on the additional sewer and storm pipe improvements in the 100 block of Market Street and was able to rebuild the road base and pave the first layer of asphalt thru the intersection on Wednesday. The contractor will be installing temporary striping and the City has already installed temporary parking signs, including a temporary commercial loading zone (CLZ) in the 100 block of Market Street to assist the local businesses during construction. A new traffic pattern notice was sent out on Thursday to downtown stakeholders. During this period, the westbound lanes of Market Street are open down to Water Street with no turns on Front Street and only traffic from northbound Front Street can turn right onto eastbound Market Street.
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- **Next week**, the contractor will continue working in the south west quadrant setting new sewer manholes and laying new water, sewer and storm piping. This work is expected to wrap up by the end of next week. Around that time, the contractor will also begin working on the water main tie-ins and moving over to the southeast quadrant of the intersection. The contractor is ordering the granite curbing materials, brick pavers and traffic control equipment in anticipation of starting some of this work soon.

The City continues to work with downtown stakeholders and business owners to address concerns and support efforts such as artistic enhancements on the fencing. Also, the City is working with property managers at 26 N. Front and 2 N. Front who are making

improvements and require sidewalk permits for temporary closures. More information about the project can be found on the City's website at www.wilmingtonnc.gov.